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Sir:

**COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT  
OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Applicant gratefully acknowledges the Notices of Allowance and Allowability dated December 22, 2004 for the above-captioned patent application. An Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance was appended to the Notice of Allowability. Applicant has the following comments.


While the claimed combinations are patentable over the prior art for the reasons presented therein, the claimed combinations are patentable for many more reasons. More specifically, the patentability of the claimed combinations is not limited to the particular subset of features identified in the Statement, but rather it is the entire combination of elements and/or steps in the claims, each taken as a whole, that are patentable over the prior art, both taken alone and in hypothetical combination.

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If additional fees are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge Applicant's representative's Deposit Account No. 50-2821.

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